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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF POINT OF ORDER MADE BY REPRESENTATIVE
OF DAHOMEY, AFRICAN GROUP CHAIRMAN FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER,
IN PLENARY, MORNING OCTOBER 6:

MR. PRESIDENT, YOU WILL REMEMBER PRESIDENT IDI AMIN DADA
ON THURSDAY, THE 2ND OF SEPTEMBER, 1975, ADDRESSED OUR ASSEMBLY
IN HIS CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF UGANDA AND CURRENT PRESIDENT
OF OAU. THE STATEMENT OF PRESIDENT AMIN INEVITABLY PROVOKED
REACTIONS AS WE MAY HAVE EXPECTED.

THUS, THE AFRICAN GROUP IN THE UNITED NATIONS LEARNED WITH
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DIGNATION THROUGH THE WIDELY CIRCULATED NEW YORK TIMES
ABOUT WHAT WAS ATTRIBUTED TO THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS,
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DANIEL MOYNIHAN, WORDS WHICH CONSTITUTED DISCOURTEOUS

ATTACKS AGAINST THE PERSON OF MARSHAL AMIN DADA, PRESIDENT OF UGANDA AND CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY.

IF IT IS TRUE THAT MR. MOYNIHAN DID IN FACT ENDORSE THE PORTRAIT OF MARSHAL IDI AMIN PRESENTED BY A NEW YORK TIMES JOURNALIST WHEREBY THE HEAD OF THE UGANDAN STATE WAS, IN HIS WORLDS, "A RACIST MURDERER", WE ARE OBLIGED TO NOTE THAT THE ATTITUDE OF THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES NOT ONLY CONSTITUTES A DELIBERATE PROVOCATIVE ACT VIS-A-VIS PRESIDENT AMIN, AND AN UNFRIENDLY ACT TOWARDS THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY, BUT ALSO IT IS VERGING ON IRRESPONSIBILITY AND INDICATES A GRAVE UNAWARENESS WHICH IS LIABLE TO VITIATE DANGEROUSLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND MEMBERS OF THE OAU.

(INTERRUPTED ON A POINT OF ORDER BY THE U.S.)

DAHOMY: I SHALL CONTINUE VERY BRIEFLY.

I WAS SAYING THEN THAT A JOURNALIST ACCUSED PRESIDENT AMIN OF BEING A RACIST MURDERER, NOT A VERY ENLIGHTENED JOURNALIST IN VIEW OF THE IMPACT OF ZIONISM ON AMERICAN MASS MEDIA, PARTICULARLY NEW YORK MEDIA. BUT FOR A STATESMAN OF THE STATURE OF MOYNIHAN SHOULD ENDORSE SUCH INSINUATIONS, SUCH TENDENTIOUS INSINUATIONS PRECISELY CONFIRMING WHAT WAS SAID BY PRESIDENT AMIN ON THE TOTAL GRIP OF INTERNATIONAL ZIONISM OVER THE UNITED STATES, THAT IS WHAT REFLECTS A REGRETTABLE FLIPPANCY -- IS REFLECTED IN THIS REGRETTABLE FLIPPANCY VIS-A-VIS THE HEAD OF AN AFRICAN NATION.

THE AFRICAN GROUP HAS NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT THE TARGETS OF MOYNIHAN'S INSINUATIONS WHICH IS TO CAMOUFLAGE THE ACTS AGAINST HUMAN RIGHTS TAKING PLACE IN SPAIN, ISRAEL AND SOUTH AFRICA.

IS IT NECESSARY TO REMIND MR. MOYNIHAN AND THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HOST COUNTRY THAT THE ELEMENTARY RULES OF HOSPITALITY MAKE IT INCUMBENT UPON HIM TO REFRAIN FROM INDULGING IN DISCOURTEOUS COMMENTS ABOUT A HEAD OF STATE VISITING NEW YORK?
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HOWEVER THAT MAY BE, THE WORDS ATTRIBUTED TO MR. MOYNIHAN CAN ONLY BETTER ILLUMINE THE AFRICAN GROUP ABOUT THE PREVIOUS AGGRESSIVE DECLARATIONS. IF MR. MOYNIHAN WISHES TO BASE HIS STRATEGY IN THE UNITED NATIONS ON IRREVERENCE, FLIPPANCY AND IRRESPONSIBILITY, LET HIM KNOW RIGHT NOW THAT THE AFRICAN GROUP WILL NOT ALLOW ITSELF TO BE INTIMIDATED AND WILL IMPOSE RESPECT AND CONSIDERATION TO WHICH IT IS

ENTITLED TO EXPECT FROM MEMBER STATES OF THE ORGANIZATION,
PARTICULARLY FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED
STATES.

IF THE WORDS ATTRIBUTED TO MR. MOYNIHAN ARE BORNE OUT, THEN
WE WOULD HAVE TO WONDER WHETHER HE REPRESENTS ZIONISM IN THE
UNITED NATIONS OR THE UNITED STATES. IF HE CONFUSES HIS WORK
IN THE UNITED NATIONS WITH THE DEFENSE OF ZIONISM, MR.
MOYNIHAN WILL DO BETTER TO GO TO ISRAEL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
INSTEAD OF CONTINUING TO DAMAGING THE HONOR AND RESPECT DUE
TO A GREAT POWER LIKE THE UNITED STATES, BECAUSE SUCH
STATEMENTS ON THE PART OF A PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE WHO
PUBLICLY SHOWS ANY LACK OF RESPECT OR COURTESY TO AN AFRICAN
HEAD OF STATE, THE CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF OAU WHAT IS MORE, ARE
NOT SUCH AS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE ATMOSPHERE OF DIALOGUE WHICH
THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT SEEKS TO CREATE. THE AFRICAN GROUP
WISHES TO EXPRESS ITS ENTIRE SOLIDARITY AND ACTIVE SUPPORT
WITH THE STATEMENT MADE IN THIS RESPECT BY THE PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE OF UGANDA AND WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS
OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND MR. MOYNIHAN THAT EVERY ORGANIZATION
HAS ITS RULES AND IN DIPLOMACY COURTESY IS A VERY IMPORTANT
PART OF THE BUSINESS. THEREFORE, IT WOULD BE VERY IMPORTANT
TO MR. MOYNIHAN TO THINK THE MATTER OVER BECAUSE HE WOULD
STAND TO GAIN BY ACTING IN A MORE RESPONSIBLE WAY.

MR. PRESIDENT, THE AFRICAN GROUP WILL MEET IN DUE COURSE TO
STUDY IN DETAIL THE CONDUCT OF THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE UNITED STATES.
MOYNIHAN

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